



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Koiwai et al.

**Application No.:** 10/001,397

**Confirmation No.:** 1943

**Filed:** October 25, 2001

**For:** LENS BARREL HAVING A FLARE  
DIAPHRAGM WHICH CAN ADVANCE INTO  
AND RETREAT FROM THE OPTICAL PATH  
TO ELIMINATE DELETERIOUS LIGHT  
RESULTING FROM MOVEMENT OF THE  
LENS

**Group:** 2873

**Examiner:** Thompson, Timothy J.

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003, and is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

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